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Use of steel windows and doors for the Police lines.

* 375 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what is the result of the experiments regarding the use of steel windows and doors, etc., for police lines; and

(b) whether this practice will be stopped in future?

A.—(a) The Chief Engineer has been asked to report on the results of the experiments early in January 1930.

(b) The question will be considered on receipt of the Chief Engineer's report.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether it is a fact that no enquiry has been made up till now with regard to the durability of these things?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"No, Sir. We want time to see whether this experiment has been useful or not."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"When was this report called for?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"According to the original Government Order two years' time was given, but now I have asked the Chief Engineer to report early in January 1930."

Medical

Appointment of non-official medical men and women to the Advisory Committees.

* 376 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether non-official medical men or women have been, or are proposed to be appointed to the Advisory Committees of the State hospitals;

(b) if so, their names and the Committees on which they have been invited to serve; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, P.H., dated 26th June 1929, laid on the table in answer to question No. 125 on 8th August 1929. Under this Government Order non-official medical men and women are clearly eligible for membership.

Land Revenue

Berm cutting in Cuddapah district.

* 377 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to question No. 528 on 11th October 1928 regarding Berm cutting in the Cuddapah district—

(a) whether the report of the Board of Revenue has been considered;

(b) whether the Chief Engineer's report has been received and considered;

(c) what action the Government propose to take; and

(d) whether the reports will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer's report has not yet been received.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 2418, Revenue, dated the 15th October 1920, which has been placed at the disposal of the press, and to the answer to question No. 666 given on 26th November 1928.

(*d*) The Government consider that it is unnecessary to place the Board's report on the table as the Government Order contains the substance of the Board's recommendations. The question whether the Chief Engineer's report should be placed on the table will be considered after it is received.

Assessment on the nanja lands in Madurantakam taluk for raising panipayar.

*378 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer of Chingleput taxed the nanja lands in the Madurantakam taluk for raising panipayar about twenty days before the harvest of samba paddy in the months of February and March and if so, why it was collected contrary to the usual practice in the Chingleput district;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop does not require water;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop is generally raised for manure;

(*d*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop has not been taxed by the Government previously, particularly in the Chingleput district;

(*e*) whether the Government consider the taxation unjust; and

(*f*) if answer to (*e*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will order the refund of taxes collected in the Madurantakam taluk?

A.—(*a*) to (*f*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Forests

Removal of the bar to promotion in the Ranger's cadre.

*379 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the proposals before them for alleviating the bar to promotion in the Ranger's cadre and the order, if any, passed by the Government thereon?

A.—The Rangers have submitted memorials setting forth their grievances and they are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member for how long this memorial has been under the consideration of Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It will be disposed of as early as possible. How long it has been under consideration I am not able to say."